AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Prior to the present communication, claims 1-20 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15-20 have been amended herein. All claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

~~providing~~ generating a host-wizard component;

~~providing~~ generating one or more sub-wizard components;

invoking said one or more sub-wizard components during said host-wizard component execution; and

transferring control from said host-wizard to said one or more sub-wizard components.

2. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said one or more sub-wizard components are browser based object components.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said one or more sub-wizard components are operating system based application component object extensions.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer system ~~for use in a computing environment~~ for extending a wizard comprising:

a host-wizard, said host-wizard having a host-wizard interface ~~adapted~~ to communicate with other wizards and a host-wizard navigational component ~~adapted~~ to transfer control to other wizards;

one or more sub-wizard components, said one or more sub-wizard components having sub-wizard interfaces ~~adapted~~ to communicate with other wizards and sub-wizard navigational components ~~adapted~~ to transfer control to other wizards;

wherein said host-wizard ~~can communicate~~ communicates with said one or more sub-wizard components through said host-wizard interface and at least one of said sub-wizard interfaces; and

wherein control is transferred between said host-wizard and said one or more sub-wizard components through said host-wizard navigational component and said sub-wizard navigational component, thereby creating an extended wizard.

5. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 4 wherein said one or more sub-wizard components are browser based object components.

6. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 4 wherein said one or more sub-wizard components are component object extensions.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

~~providing~~ generating a host wizard that defines an extension interface to respond to navigation events;

~~providing~~ generating a web component comprising:

a web page, said web page containing a header area, a wizard control area and a control interface area;

one or more object module functions, said object module functions enabling navigation; and

said control interface area having navigation control ~~adapted~~ to recursively navigate within said web component and to said host wizard, by utilizing said one or more object module functions;

~~providing~~ generating a user interface that integrates said web component into said host wizard by utilizing the extension interface to perform recursive navigation between said web component and said host wizard; and

~~providing~~ utilizing an information container to exchange informational items between said web component and said host wizard.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer~~ machine readable medium having ~~computer~~ machine executable instructions for performing a method ~~for use in a computing environment~~ for extending a wizard comprising:

~~providing~~ generating a host-wizard component;

~~providing~~ generating one or more sub-wizard components;

invoking said one or more sub-wizard components during said host-wizard component execution; and

transferring control from said host-wizard to said one or more sub-wizard components.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system operable to execute a method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard comprising:

~~providing~~ generating a host-wizard component;

~~providing~~ generating one or more sub-wizard components;

invoking said one or more sub-wizard components during said host-wizard component execution; and

transferring control from said host-wizard to said one or more sub-wizard components.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer~~ machine readable medium having ~~computer~~ machine executable instructions for performing a method ~~for use in a computing environment~~ for extending a wizard comprising:

~~providing~~ generating a host wizard that defines an extension interface to respond to navigation events;

~~providing~~ generating a web component comprising:

a web page, said web page containing a header area, a wizard control area and a control interface area;

one or more object module functions, said object module functions enabling navigation; and

said control interface area having navigation control ~~adapted~~ to recursively navigate within said web component and to said host wizard, by utilizing said one or more object module functions;

~~providing~~ generating a user interface that integrates said web component into said host wizard by utilizing the extension interface to perform recursive navigation between said web component and said host wizard; and

~~providing~~ utilizing an information container to exchange informational items between said web component and said host wizard.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system ~~operable to execute a method for use in a computing environment for extending a wizard~~ comprising:

~~providing~~ a host wizard that defines an extension interface to respond to navigation events;;

~~providing~~ a web component comprising:

a web page, said web page containing a header area, a wizard control area and a control interface area;

one or more object module functions, said object module functions enabling navigation; and

said control interface area having navigation control ~~adapted~~ to recursively navigate within said web component and to said host wizard, by utilizing said one or more object module functions;

~~providing~~ a user interface that integrates said web component into said host wizard by utilizing the extension interface to perform recursive navigation between said web component and said host wizard;[[;]] and

~~providing~~ an information container to exchange informational items between said web component and said host wizard.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a computing environment for chaining wizards comprising:

~~providing~~ generating a first wizard;

~~providing~~ generating a second wizard; and

~~providing~~ utilizing at least one navigation component on each of said first and second wizards~~, said navigation components allowing sequential progression or regression~~ to sequentially progress or regress through said first and second wizards to chain said second wizard to said first wizard.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein said first wizard is selected from the group consisting of an operating system based wizard and a web based wizard; and

said second wizard is selected from the group consisting of an operating system based wizard and a web based wizard.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment, the computer system ~~operable to execute a method for use in a computing environment for chaining wizards~~ comprising:

~~providing~~ a first wizard having panels to guide a user through a first task;

~~providing~~ a second wizard having panels to guide a user trough a second task; and

~~providing~~ at least one navigation component on each of said first and second wizards, said navigation components allowing sequential progression or regression through said first and second wizards to chain said second wizard to said first wizard to guide a user through the first and second tasks.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer~~ machine readable medium having ~~computer~~ machine executable instructions for performing a method ~~for use in a computing environment~~ for chaining wizards comprising:

~~providing~~ generating a first wizard that details instructions associated with a first task;

~~providing~~ generating a second wizard that details instructions associated with a second task; and

~~providing~~ utilizing at least one navigation component on each of said first and second wizards, said navigation components allowing sequential progression or regression through said first and second wizards to chain said second wizard to said first wizard to detail instructions associated with the first and second tasks.

16 (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method ~~according to~~ as recited in claim 1, wherein transferring control from said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components, further comprises:

passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.

17 (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to~~ A computer system as recited in claim 4, wherein transferring control between said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components through said host wizard navigational component and said sub-wizard navigational component, further comprises:

passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.

18 (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to~~ A machine readable medium as recited in claim 8, wherein transferring control from said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components, further comprises:

passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.

19 (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to~~ A computer system as recited in claim 9, wherein transferring control from said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components, further comprises:

passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.

20 (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to~~ A method as recited in claim 12, wherein allowing sequential progression or regression through said first and second wizard to chain said second wizard to said first wizard further comprises:

~~control from said host-wizard to one or more sub-wizard components passes~~ passing a property bag between said host-wizard component and said one or more sub-wizard components.